THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
School of Information
Guide to Completing INF 698A and 698B Masters Thesis

What is a Master's Thesis?
A master's thesis is a research project resulting in a substantive paper that involves original collection or treatment of data and/or results. It is one of three options for completing the Master of Science in Information Studies. The final product of a master's thesis is a paper of publishable quality. The master's thesis, like the doctoral dissertation, involves original research and exemplifies an original contribution to scholarship. Elements of the thesis can:

- include a pilot study upon which the dissertation will build;
- include a comprehensive review and analysis of relevant literature;
- include a research study design;
- include the collection and analysis of data, and discussion of results;
- represent a synthesis and application of the literature on a topic; and
- apply the critical evaluation of empirical studies on the topic.

The completed thesis should be formatted in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies. See Office of Graduate Studies for forms and deadlines (http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/pdn/) as well as their FAQ (http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/etd/questions.html) on format requirements.

Registration Requirements:

1. Identify a faculty supervisor and a 2nd faculty reader.
2. Complete INF 397C, Research in Information Studies, in an earlier semester;
3. Enroll as a student pursuing a Master of Science in Information Studies.
4. Register over two consecutive long semesters in INF 698A and INF 698B (Master's Thesis).
5. Download and complete required forms from the Office of Graduate Studies. http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/pdn/
6. Complete, gather signatures on, and submit iSchool Master's Thesis Proposal Form.

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PROPOSAL FOR INF 698A AND 698B: MASTER'S THESIS

Name: _____ UT EID: _____

INF 698A Unique Number: _____ Semester: _____

**Upon completion of INF 698A, you must submit the INF 698B registration form by the first class day of the semester in which you need to be registered for INF 698B and INF 181E.*

Instructions:
The proposal must be approved by the first class day. The student should secure the signature of the faculty sponsor and second reader, and then submit this form to the Graduate Coordinator. The Coordinator will secure the signature of the Graduate Adviser.

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ESTIMATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

PROPOSED MASTER'S THESIS TITLE:
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SIGNATURES:
Faculty Sponsor (print): Date:

Signature:

2ND Faculty Reader (print): Date:

Signature:

Graduate Advisor (print): Date:

Signature:

School of Information
REGISTRATION FORM
INF 698B: MASTER'S THESIS

Name: _____ UT EID: _____

INF 698B Unique Number: _____ Semester: _____

INF 381E Unique Number*: _____

**If completing new core (INF 380C, INF 380E, INF 397C), you must be registered concurrently for INF 181E: Electronic Portfolio.*

Instructions:
Submit this form to the Graduate Coordinator by the first class day of the semester in which you need to be registered for INF 698B.

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ESTIMATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

PROPOSED MASTER'S THESIS TITLE:
_____

FACULTY SUPERVISOR: _____

MASTER'S THESIS PROPOSAL

Instructions: Please include a discussion of the thesis topic and its importance, proposed research methods, and other relevant information.

Proposed Title: